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Zoning authority, a proposed legislative program for 1961, and other matters of concern to planning agencies will be discussed by representatives of Montana city and county planning boards at the second annual Montana Planning Institute, which will be in session in Missoula Friday and Saturday.

Two experts on planning are slated to address the group at luncheon and dinner meetings, according to H. Cleveland Hall of Great Falls and Dean Ellis Waldron of Montana State University, respective heads of the Association of Montana Planning Boards and the MSU Bureau of Government Research, cosponsors of the institute. Saturday's program will feature discussions by panels made up of Montana authorities in the field, they said.

Dr. John R. Borchert, chairman of the University of Minnesota Geography Department, will be the speaker at the institute dinner Friday at 7 p. m. at the Florence Hotel. His topic will be "Regional Development and Local Planning." D. P. Fabrick of Choteau, long active in the field, will speak on "The Public and Planning" at the noon luncheon at the Lodge on Saturday.

Dr. Borchert is director of urban research for the Upper Midwest Economic Study, a joint project of the Upper Midwest Research and Development Council and the University of Minnesota. Fabrick has been associated with planning in Montana since the time of the National Resources Planning Board of the 1930's.

Panelists who will participate in the program are Frank B. Shanley, president of the Great Falls-Cascade County Planning Board; George Plescher, planning director of the Great Falls-Cascade board; Gene Trotter, Walter Stark and Robert Cooke, all of the Billings-Yellowstone County Planning Board; Thomas Kelley, legal counsel for the Billings board; Dr. V. V. Crissey of the Livingston-Park County Planning board; Thomas Joyce, legal counsel for the Butte Planning Board; Vernon Peterson of the Missoula Planning Board, and Hall.

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